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Brig B. Elliott

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For: QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY
DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS WITH
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The time period for response has been extended to February 5, 2006, by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.